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In re Application of: Mark E. Poole
Serial No. 09/818,470
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For: APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING AND SEALING DUCT
SECTIONS
Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF
PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

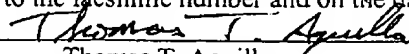
In the Claims:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1), amendments to claims 1 and 5 are hereby made by rewriting said claims below, in clean form, with all changes included. Please find attached hereto one or more pages, marked up to show all changes relative to the previous version of each claim so amended, in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Please rewrite claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) An apparatus for connecting and sealing duct sections, the apparatus comprising:

(A) first and second connectors, each connector comprising:

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